out for this special privilege? We are asking a simple question. What is the signal service rendered by the aforesaid gentleman?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—They were not recorded.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know the method of calculation?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It was based upon British Indian Rules.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is there any record to show that he made such a request and that he was made to understand that it would be considered favourably?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I think the appendix shows that. Evidently there must have been. But they are confidential. I want notice to say more.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—On a point of order, Sir. How is it confidential? How can the terms of entertaining an officer be confidential? The Hon'ble Member is not the man to say that it is confidential? I want a ruling from the Chair. The Hon'ble Member should not decide the point.

President.—He said he wanted notice.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Then it is alright. I say it cannot be treated as confidential.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether there are rules in our enactments for commuting pension?

President.—He has answered the question once. He said no.

T. A. Diwan's Confidential Clerk.

65. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) under what class was the Confidential Clerk of the Diwan placed for the purpose of T. A. under the recent rules issued by Government ;

(2) was there any change with regard to him afterwards ;

(3) if so, what is the change ;

(4) what will be the T. A. due to him under the original rules when he accompanied the Diwan to Simla ;

(5) how much was actually paid ;

(6) why was the excess amount paid;

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Fifth class.

(2) and (3) Yes ; change in the class of railway accommodation, so far as the above class of officers were concerned.

(4) Single II class railway fare and Rs. 2—8—0 daily allowance.

(5) The amount calculated at the rates given in answer to sub-division (4).

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(6) No excess amount has been paid.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was he entitled to a second class according to the rules which were in existence at the time he went to Simla?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The rates were all revised. There were requests at the time he went to Simla when it was under consideration and the rates were subsequently revised.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—And retrospective effect was given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The original revision was from 1st Chingam 1108.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The orders were not passed before Chingam. Am I to understand that it was passed with retrospective effect, be it one day, or one week or one month?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—In the sense the Hon'ble the Deputy President has meant it, it is an order with retrospective effect.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether this retrospective effect will be given to all the officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. To everybody.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there such a laborious task to give the exact amount?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not exactly a laborious task. But it serves no useful purpose.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How much was actually paid? That is the question.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Rs. 341—8—0.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether there is any special reason for the Government to make this 5th class officers' travelling allowance single second class while the travelling allowance of all other officers is more than this single fare?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Their rate as per the revision was somewhere about ½ or 1 and two-third third class. They said considering their status it is rather difficult for them to go by third class.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Have there been requests from any of the officers to reconsider the question of T. A. and make it ½ second class?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There might have been.

Number of unemployed and incapacitated persons in the State.

66. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) figures, exact or approximate, showing unemployment in the State;

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